

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please rewrite paragraph [0001] of published U.S. Application Number 2004/0199255 as follows:

[0001] The invention relates to an interspinal prosthesis with a central part having a central axis, which can be introduced into the interspinal space, an inner end and an outer end, as well as two processes, which arise at the outer end, the two processes extending radially and diametrically with respect to the central axis and which can be introduced into the space between the spinal processes of two adjacent vertebrae ~~of the introductory portion of claim 1,~~ a counterpart thereto as well as to a multi-part interspinal prosthesis combined therefrom.

Please rewrite paragraph [0013] of published U.S. Application Number 2004/0199255 as follows:

[0013] Furthermore, the prosthesis is produced preferably from an elastic material, so that the central piece can be elastically deformed radially. Preferably, the prosthesis permits an elastic deformation of the diameter of the central part at its narrowest place of 10 to 50% and more preferably 15 to 50% relative to the unstressed diameter. A sufficient radial, elastic deformability can be achieved by producing the prosthesis from a plastic or by producing the central piece with cogs, which can be deformed radially and elastically.